

# WILL HEARST IS OUT STRONGLY FOR TAFT

Denounces Roosevelt and Declares Taft Is a Great Leader.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—William Randolph Hearst, former aspirant for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, has issued a remarkable statement over his own signature, in which he unqualifiedly endorses Mr. Taft.

In doing so he also criticizes in severest terms the administration of president Roosevelt and in so many words warns the American nation against a renewal of the political domination of the former president.

Mr. Hearst called at the White House yesterday afternoon and spent half an hour with the president. Upon leaving, Mr. Hearst said he had called merely to pay his respects to Mr. Taft, and he said he admitted, later he issued his endorsement of the Taft administration.

**Believes in Taft.**  
"No one can talk with the president without appreciating and respecting his earnestness and sincerity," the statement proceeds. "Personally, I believe also in his efficiency. He has been one year in office and he has certainly accomplished more in that one year than Roosevelt did in his first year."

"It is hardly fair to compare Taft's one year with Roosevelt's seven and yet, I am not sure that even with that the comparison might not be to Taft's advantage. Taft's methods are not those of Roosevelt, but then Taft will probably not conclude his term with a papic."

**Taft a Valuable President.**  
"On the whole it seems to me that a quiet earnest man who came into office when the country was in the lull of adversity, and after one year in office, has placed the country on the high road to prosperity, is quite as valuable a president as a more showy and spectacular person who found the country in the height of prosperity and left it in the depth of adversity."

"Taft is carrying out Roosevelt's policies in the way that they ought to be carried out. That is to say he is doing the things that Roosevelt should have done but did not do."

**Roosevelt Act Farce.**  
"Taft is making the Roosevelt railroad rate act complete and effective. The Roosevelt railroad rate act has always been an utter farce and everybody who knew anything about the subject knew when it was passed that it was a farce and would be a failure. It might have been meant to be a failure."

"At any rate, Mr. Hepburn, the man who was selected by the Roosevelt administration to stand sponsor for that bill, the house had been but lately hung in effigy by his constituents for too great friendliness to the railroads."

"Would you have selected that kind of a man, tagged with that kind of a testimonial, to frame the kind of a bill? And can you imagine Mr. Roosevelt, the Diogenes of politics, hunting through the house of congress, lantern in hand, to find an honest man and selecting that executed effigy as the fittest one to frame the people's railroad bill?"

**Praises Taft.**  
Mr. Hearst says that president Taft is trying to stiffen the spine of the "spineless railroad bill" of Roosevelt. He gives Taft credit for prosecuting criminal trusts and for throwing his powerful influence behind many needed laws, among them the corporation tax bill, the over capitalization bill, a bill providing for postal savings banks, the parcels post measure and the income tax bill.

"All these measures are good," he continues, "some of them the Roosevelt administration wilfully omitted, others it merely neglected; some it discussed but never accomplished."

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## Plans Are Also Started to Amend Charter to Embrace Mayor's Recommendations—Stock Yards to Be Built.

It was decided by the city council in session Thursday morning to reimburse the mayor for expenditures which he has made since being in office because he did not have a contingency fund at his disposal to meet the needs of the office.

The mayor stated that these expenditures averaged about \$100 a month and in some instances he had spent more than his salary.

Alderman Blumenthal recommended that the city attorney be instructed to prepare bills for presentation at the next meeting of the city council relative to changes in the city charter, making amendments recommended by the mayor in his annual message to extend the time for paying city taxes to July 1 instead of March 1 to insure the city of the city, which the city attorney was ordered to appoint a school board in the hands of the mayor.

Blumenthal, in referring to the referendum and recall said that he believed it an excellent recommendation of the part of the mayor.

The stockyards near the Rosebaum grain elevator in the southern part of the city, which the city attorney was ordered to stop while in course of construction, will be built, following a decision on the part of the council to permit this.

Engineer Neff's \$25 automobile that would not run and was sold for \$50 and some mining stock, was allowed to go on the assessment roll at \$25.

A report of the fire hydrants required was presented by fire chief Armstrong. The mayor suggested that it would be well to have the water company instructed to install the hydrants for the protection of the city and in order that the insurance rate be reduced.

All city offices closed at noon in celebration of San Jacinto day.

**The City's Health.**  
The weekly report of city health officer W. H. Anderson showed a total of 38 deaths, nine being Americans, 28 Mexicans, and one negro; 19 births, 11 being Americans, seven Mexicans and one negro; 13 of which were males and 6 females. The cases of contagious diseases reported existing are given as whooping cough, 64; smallpox, 3; measles, 61; scarlet fever, 2; chickenpox, 2; typhoid fever, 2; 25 patients treated at the dispensary, 33 at their homes; 190 inspections were made of meat markets, 135 of which were slaughter houses, 49 of fruit and vegetable stores and wagons, 23 of restaurants; 5 of bakeries; 6 of rooming houses; 46 of premises, 27 cattle, 30 hogs, 34 calves, 88 sheep, 27 pounds of meat, 21 pounds of fruit and vegetables destroyed.

City clerk McGhee reported that the mayor's message had swamped him and therefore the minutes of the last meeting were not ready.

**City Finances.**  
The report of the city treasurer for the quarter ending March 31 showed cash on hand amounting to \$480,950.46, \$506,088.12 received and \$358,259.38 expended during the quarter.

The March report of the plumbing and meter inspector for March showed collections amounting to \$144.50.

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**Fire Hydrants.**  
Fire chief Armstrong recommended the installation of fire hydrants at the corners of the following streets:

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**Neff's Automobile.**  
Alderman Clayton caused considerable merriment when he reported on a petition presented by E. E. Neff. The latter stated that he had been assessed on an automobile the value of which had been set at \$400, while he had paid only \$50 for the machine and sold it for \$25 because it would not run.

Clayton said: "It appears that Neff received \$50 for the machine and 2000 shares of stock in a mining corporation, at \$1 each, which would make the price paid \$2050, but the man who gave the mining stock represented it as being worth only 10c per share. It later developed that the company issuing the stock was defunct. The automobile would not run so the question is who was stung?"

Hewitt moved that the agreement of Neff to pay on a valuation of \$50 be accepted and this was done.

Alderman Hewitt reported that there is considerable filling to be done at the Highland Park fire house before the building paving can be laid. He was notified that he had been authorized to do whatever work is necessary.

**To License Auto Drivers.**  
A petition from automobile drivers requesting that all drivers of machines be licensed, was presented by Mayor Sweeney said: "I do not think it a bad idea to require all who operate public automobiles to pass an examination."

This was referred to the chairman of the police committee and the city attorney for investigation.

Several persons who had been confined in the pest house sent in a letter commending the care they had received and praising the work of the health department.

**To Pave Santa Fe.**  
South Santa Fe street property owners presented a petition asking for the paving of that street from Overland street to the old Santa Fe depot. A resolution requiring this paving was passed.

Mayor Sweeney reported that the T. T. Tan Advertising company, which had been granted a franchise permitting it to place trash cans on the streets, objected to a repealing clause, so this was repealed minus this section, the mayor stating that the cans could be taken from the streets whenever they might become a nuisance.

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